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Practice Groups

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Education

B.Sc. (Genetics), University of Toronto, 1994
Ph.D. (Genetics), University of Toronto, 2000
LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2003

Qualifications

Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2004
Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2006
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Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Fellow
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Experience

Melanie Szweras is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP.

Melanie's practice focuses on biotechnology and pharmaceutical patents including drafting and prosecution of such applications; providing validity and freedom to operate opinions as well as being involved in related litigation matters. She also works with the firm's Licensing & Transactions practice group, as well as the regulatory, marketing & advertising group advising on matters of regulatory law.

Melanie received numerous awards throughout her education including the Medical Research Council Studentship and a University of Toronto Open Scholarship. She was also the Bronze Medalist for her class of 2003 at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Melanie has lectured on aspects of Biotechnology and The Application Process at the University of Toronto's Patent & Trade Secrets Law course.

Melanie is a past Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada's (IPIC) Biotechnology Patents Committee. Melanie is also a Co-Chair of the Case Law Reviews Subcommittee for the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Biotechnology Committee.